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Dear Wauconda Resident:

I would like to update you on the ongoing well contamination situation in the Hillcrest Subdivision and the surrounding subdivisions since my last correspondence of August 26, 2004.

On September 9, 2004, I wrote a letter to the Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Tom DeLay of the House of Representatives and two Chairmen on the House Appropriations Committee requesting \$6 million in funding to increase the groundwater testing and monitoring as well as funds to begin an investigation on connecting residents to the closest permanent clean water source. I believe this funding could help alleviate some of the delays that have been occurring and will intensify the focus on finding an alternative clean water source. As you may know, the House just resumed session earlier this week, and the House and Senate have only finalized one of the 13 mandatory spending bills, so we have a lot of work ahead before the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2004. The appropriations bills -- and the requests like the one I have made that may be part of those bills -- will be worked out in the near future. I will continue to work with the Appropriations Committee Members to ensure that when the relevant appropriations bill is considered, this request gets full consideration.

I would also like to refer you to my website where I have added a specific page focusing on this issue, at the suggestion of a resident at the Hillcrest Homeowners Association meeting on Saturday, August 21. I will post documents and updates as information becomes available (I will continue to send mailers to you). The website is <http://www.house.gov/crane>.

Please know that I will continue to make you aware of the progress of my work, and encourage you to contact me by email at [wauconda.feedback@mail.house.gov](mailto:wauconda.feedback@mail.house.gov) to share any feedback or questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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